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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/539,112	Applicant(s) ENGELBRECHT ET AL.	
	Examiner Frederick C. Nicolas	Art Unit 3754	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25 and 28-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 28 and 34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25, 30-33 and 36-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 29 and 35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 25 and 28-38 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 June 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 28-29 are objected to because of the following informalities: claims 28 and 29 depend on a cancel claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 28 and 34 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as the above noted claims do not read on the elected Species shown in Fig. 2A.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the claimed subject matter in claims 29 and 35 “which latch element breaks when a sufficient mechanical pressing force is exerted” must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for

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consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 25,30-33,36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Capozzi et al. 4,978,336 in view of Perkins 5,775,541.

Capozzi et al. disclose a dispensing device for fluid substances as seen in Figure 1, which comprises a receiving element (14) to receive fluid substances, having at least two containers (24,26) which are fixedly connected to each other and have adjacent outlet orifices on an end face thereof, a pressure-producing means (28) for ejecting the fluid substances through the outlet orifices, and a mixing nozzle (18) which is connected to the receiving element by means of a mixing nozzle holder (60,62) and connected to the outlet orifices in a fluid-conducting manner, the mixing nozzle holder comprising a releasable latch closure (64,66) attached to the receiving element wherein the latch closure is formed as one piece with the receiving element as seen in Figure 2. Carpozzi

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et al. lack that the two arms being elastically deformable spring. Perkins teaches the used of two elastically deformable spring arms (206) with a non-deformable projection (233).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Perkins' teaching onto the two arms of Capozzi et al., in order to provide the arms with a resilient material so that the arms can be selectively flexed away and into the attachment of the mixing nozzle.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 29,35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 1/21/2009 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Weldon et al. 5,746,414 and Clark 3,179,107 disclose other types of elastically deformable spring arms.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick C. Nicolas whose telephone number is (571)-272-4931. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver, can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Frederick C. Nicolas/
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